Senators to Study Press Freedom

The Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights is undertaking a broad study of the state of freedom of the press in America.

"A greater public appreciation for the role of a free press in a democratic society is the subcommittee's ultimate goal, says the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D., N. C.).

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Ervin outlined the nature of the study, and events that have prompted it, in a letter sent to newspapers, news services and broadcasters.

A subcommittee spokesman said about 100 letters had been mailed in the last three weeks seeking suggestions about the issues and problems to which attention should be directed.

No formal announcement of the inquiry has been made, but the spokesman said public hearings might be scheduled later after replies had been received and analyzed.

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